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Budget talks grind to halt; Inos blasts the Legislature



A firefighter sprays water into a vehicle engulfed in fire along the main road on Capital Hill yesterday morning. No one was hurt and investigators are still looking into the cause of the blaze.

Car catches fire on Capital Hill

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REPORTER

A fire of still unknown cause engulfed a vehicle along the main road going up Capital Hill yesterday morning.

No one was injured or treated at the scene for medical complaints, accord-

ing to Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde yesterday.

Gersonde said DFEMS received a call about a vehicle fire on Capital Hill at 9:43am, prompting firefighters from Kagman Fire Station and Search and Rescue Unit from Garapan Fire

Station to immediately respond.

Arson investigators also responded.

Gersonde said the fire was extinguished and placed under control by 9:56am.

Arson investigators determined that there was a mechanical issue with the vehicle, but they are still looking into the cause of the blaze, Gersonde said.

The DFEMS spokesman said as of yesterday they were still checking

if the vehicle belonged to the Saipan Mayor's Office.

"Updates will be released when they are available," he said.

The report did not mention the type of the vehicle and who the operator was.

Last June 26, the burning of coconut husks as mosquito repellent caused the fire to spread to a parked van and a house's garage in As Perdido. No one was injured.

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In a split vote yesterday, the six lawmakers tasked to settle a fiscal year 2016 budget bill remained in deadlock over a "compromise" provision that would have allowed the reallocation of Marianas Visitors Authority earmarks to fund a shortfall for the local hospital's utility bill.

The deadlock has prompted the administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos to review its options in preparation for a possible—and increasingly likely—government shutdown by Oct. 1.

The Senate says these earmarks will make up for the hospital subsidy redirected to fund proposed salary increases for department heads, among

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Judge: Amending sex crime statute created loophole

- » **Rape charge vs 18-year-old student dismissed**
- » **Probable cause found on 4 other offenses**

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Citing a loophole in the law, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho dismissed yesterday the first-degree sexual assault charge filed against an 18-year-old student accused of breaking into a neighbor's house and raping a 16-year-old girl in Chalan Kanoa.

Camacho found no probable cause to believe that the crime of sexual assault in the first degree has been committed. He dismissed the charge without prejudice.

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The PCF Class of 2015 receives a container of relief items for public schools.

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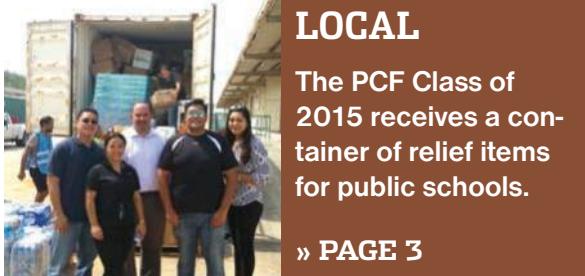
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A razor-lined boxcar marks Hungary's new border for migrants.

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Local



Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) makes a presentation yesterday to members of the Rotary Club of Saipan about typhoon relief initiatives being done by his office and the federal government.

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Kilili updates Rotary Club on federal aid, Congress initiatives

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So far, the federal government has already given more than \$17 million in Federal Emergency and Management Agency aid to some 3,000 households, \$6 million to get people back to work, \$4 million in loans for businesses, and \$3.5 million in emergency food stamps, according to Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP).

In a presentation yesterday to update members of the Rotary Club of Saipan about typhoon relief initiatives being done by his office and the federal government, Sablan also cited the help provided by the U.S. Marines, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control, and the U.S. Department of Energy.

"Most of this assistance comes automatically once our local government requests federal help. But your congressional office alerted federal agencies to expect those requests and made sure they got prompt reply," Sablan said, "from the White House, a disaster declaration in 30 hours, from [Department of Agriculture, release of food stamp funds in two days."

Sablan said they pushed

FEMA to reconsider when it decided that unemployment compensation could not be offered in the CNMI after the disaster.

"And now the Commonwealth has put together a proposal, and some people who cannot get work may get temporary financial assistance," he said.

Sablan also shared with Rotary members what's going on in the 114th Congress and some of his initiatives there.

"I was very glad to get back to the Education Committee this Congress," Sablan said, where they will be reworking the No Child Left Behind Act.

"PSS is already getting about \$4 million more every year from the Act than when I was first elected. But I want to change that funding formula so PSS does even better," Sablan said.

He is also keeping an eye on the food stamp program as well as health care.

"Republicans cut food stamp nationwide in last year's Farm Bill. But as a member of the Agriculture Committee, I was able to get them to add \$33.5 million for the Northern Marianas," Sablan said.

"We got an extra \$109 million in the Affordable Care Act—Obamacare—for the Commonwealth's Medicaid program," he added.

Leidos presents prelim analysis of IRP modeling to CUC board

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board met yesterday with the consultant it hired to analyze bids for a 20- to 25-year resource management plan.

Charles Janacek, from Leidos Engineering LLC—the third-party hired to review these bids—met with board and management yesterday to discuss the preliminary results of their analysis.

The meeting was in executive, or closed-door session, as CUC has yet to choose a winning bid among five competing bids being considered.

Leidos is preparing models of these bids as far as 20 to 25 years down the line and sharing these details with the utility executives.

Acting CUC executive director John Riegel, in an interview

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SPC recruits climate change director

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—

The French Development Agency and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community have signed a funding agreement to implement a commitment by French President François Hollande to provide the Pacific community with a high-level international climate change expert.

The dialogue brought together

In a statement yesterday afternoon—after a stalemate in the bicameral panel's morning session—Inos called the Legislature “irresponsible” if they failed to act on a budget before the end of the fiscal year.

In view of today's impasse between the members of the Senate and the House, I am considering various options available including a possible government shutdown. ... My office has complied with the

constitutional mandate to submit a budget before April 1 of this year,” Inos said.

Inos said the gridlock “leaves me without many options.”

“I am therefore informing the Cabinet and agency heads to prepare for the possibility of a government shutdown of operations for non-critical personnel [and] services,” Inos said.

The end of the fiscal year is on Sept. 30, some 14 days away. If no budget is passed and

Climate Change Conference in Paris, which begins in just over 100 days.

Goyet's main duties will be coordinating the broad portfolio of projects that SPC is carrying out in the area of climate change and incorporating the concept of environmental sustainability into all of SPC's work, so as to increase the international organization's effectiveness.

Speaking at a signing ceremony, SPC Deputy Director-General Cameron Diver said that by signing the agreement, SPC will be able to improve the efficiency of its efforts on behalf of Pacific community members.

“The agreement also serves as a concrete example of the partnership between France, in their capacity as the host country of SPC headquarters, and

our organization in response to the major development issue of climate change,” Diver said.

According to the director of the Noumea AFD Office, Karine de Frémont, funding for this high-level expert confirms the support that France and AFD intend to provide to Pacific countries in implementing their development and adaptation-to-climate-change strategies. (SPC)

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others. But the House of Representatives maintain that hospital funds should not be touched in the first place.

The continuing impasse prompted Inos to call out the Legislature yesterday and ready his Cabinet and agency heads for a possible government shutdown.

signed by the governor in time, the CNMI could suffer a partial government shutdown amid recovery efforts after Typhoon Soudelor left the CNMI in a state of disaster.

Yesterday, the House and Senate agreed on a “compromise” provision that allows the Legislature to modify MVA's budget within their appropriations act on the table. The House disagreed, though, with language the Senate attached to

that provision.

Senators called for a motion to adopt the provision to include a section that will provide for \$530,000 to Customs for x-ray machines and \$2 million to the CHC subsidy.

The House insisted, though, that they adopt the administrative provision itself, and then decide from there, where and how much from MVA they were going to reallocate or tap.

“I think in principle we were looking at the \$2.53 million coming from MVA,” said Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan) after the meeting. “Where we continue to disagree is how [the fund] is going to be used.”

“The House is insisting to leave the \$2 million alone that is originally included for the hospital, and use the \$2 million from MVA to fund [the Senate's] activities, their amendments [in the budget bill],” he said.

“We maintain the position that we do not touch the CHCC subsidy,” Sablan added.

When a vote was called, it was a split three-to-three among the three House members and three Senate members on the bicameral committee.

The CNMI Constitution requires that the Executive Branch submit a budget by April 1 of each fiscal year. The Senate and the House then have up to Sept. 30 to pass a balanced budget or

risk a government shutdown, including the suspension of their salaries, the salaries of non-critical government employees, and the suspension of payment for government services.

“It will be irresponsible for the CNMI Legislature if they fail to pass a budget,” Inos said, “and it is an injustice to take away people's only source of income, most especially during this time when people are already suffering the horrible effects of Typhoon Soudelor.”

“The devastation caused by Typhoon Soudelor has put great pressure on people's income. They now find themselves paying more for food, for home repairs, for fuel, for their children's school supplies and uniforms, and so on.

“I ask the people of the CNMI to join me in calling for your legislators to produce a budget, without further delay, that is acceptable for my approval. We have yet to truly feel the impact on our government resources from the loss of business gross receipts tax resulting from the damaged undersea telecommunications cable and the devastation from Typhoon Soudelor. We, accordingly, need leadership and a budget to plan our recovery efforts for the next fiscal year, and it is an unnecessary shame that we have to come to this,” concluded Inos.

JUDGE

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dice; that means that the government can re-file the charge in the future.

The judge, however, found probable cause to believe that George Norris Langu Jr. committed the four other charges filed against him: burglary, assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and criminal mischief.

In dismissing the charge of sexual assault in the first degree, Camacho noted that when the Legislature amended the sex crime law, it inadvertently created a loophole.

The judge said the Legislature carved out an exception to allow for what has been referred to as the “Romeo and Juliet” exception—when consenting 16- or 17-year-olds have sex with someone who is 18, 19, or 20 years old.

Camacho said the Legislature inadvertently removed the safeguard when a 16- or 17-year-old does not consent to have sex with someone who is 18, 19, or 20 years old.

This case is one of several that the court has seen when a

16- or 17-year-old is allegedly raped but the law cannot protect these alleged victims—because there is no law,” he pointed out.

Until the Legislature addresses this loophole, Camacho said, the court must dismiss the charge of sexual assault in the first degree because the alleged victim is 16 years old and the suspect, Langu, is 18 years old.

At yesterday's hearing, assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda called police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan to the witness stand.

Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer served as counsel for Langu.

Arraignment will be on Sept. 21 at 9am.

After the hearing, Langu was remanded into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Two police officers responded last Sept. 1 at 3:57am to a call about a sexual assault incident in Chalan Kanoa District 3.

The alleged victim told police that she was asleep inside her room when she was awakened by a man sexually assaulting her. The girl said she struggled, prompting the suspect, whom she later identified as Langu, to run out of the house.

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'Sexual harassment most common EEO complaint in NMI'



U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Honolulu Office director Glory Gervacio-Saure spoke about equal employment trends and issues at SHRM's monthly meeting at the Pacific Island's Club Saipan yesterday.

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REPORTER

Last year alone, over 88,000 charges were filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportu-

nity Commission nationwide, with retaliation for complaining the most common complaint against employers, according to a top EEOC official.

In her presentation at yester-

day's meeting of the Society for Human Resource Management-NMI Chapter at the Pacific Island's Club, Glory Gervacio-Saure, director of EEOC's Honolulu Office, said

that EEOC discrimination complaints range from color, national origin, religion, disability, age, and genetic information, to sex, race, and retaliation but it is these last three that have the most number of charges filed, with retaliation at the top. In the CNMI, sex was the top complaint against employers or supervisors.

"Of the national average, retaliation is the highest type of charge that we see with over 45 percent of the 88,000 charges that we were filed in 2014. In comparison, here in the CNMI, retaliation is a close second to sex discrimination complaints," Gervacio-Saure said.

"There is a reason for that. Virtually all of EEOC sexual harassment charges, there is a retaliation complaint," she added.

She also discussed the theo-

ries that the EEOC uses to analyze and prove discrimination, which includes disparate treatment, disparate impact harassment, religious accommodation, disability accommodation, and retaliation.

"Retaliation is perceived as an abuse of power," Gervacio-Saure said.

She said an employer should not alter the work environment of the work victim, particularly those who file a complaint, because they didn't do anything wrong.

According to Gervacio-Saure, full-time or part-time employees, temporary workers, job applicants, former employees, and even undocumented workers are covered by the law—"basically, if there is an employment relationship with that company."

In places where there is a state or local fair employment practice agency, EEOC allows 300 days after the alleged discrimination for filing; however, it is different with the CNMI where there is no such local agency.

"The statute of limitation is 180 days. So [one should file a complaint within] 180 days or six months from the alleged discrimination," Gervacio-Saure said.

As best practices, Gervacio-Saure told SHRM members that companies should implement EEOC policies, train managers and supervisors, promote an inclusive culture, foster an open communication, and establish neutral and objective criteria for employees.

The CNMI is under EEOC's Honolulu Office, which can be contacted at 1-800-669-4000, toll-free.

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Social

Children with autism may:

- Not share warm, joyful facial expressions, such as smiles by 6 months
- Not babble and coo by 12 months
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- Purposely hurt themselves
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Children with autism often:

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- Lose skills they once had (for instance, stop saying words they were using).

If you have concerns about your child's development, contact your baby's doctor or call the Children's Developmental Assistance Center at **664-4841** for a free developmental screening.

Children with autism can learn, grow and succeed.

Early action is the key!



AG urged to compel DPL to implement NI homestead laws

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REPORTER

Northern Islands Mayor Jerome K. Aldan wants the Office of the Attorney General to issue a legal determination and notice to compel Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio to fully implement homestead laws in the Northern Islands.

It has been years since homestead laws were enacted for the Northern Islands but they have yet to be implemented.

"A written legal determination is hereby requested advising DPL secretary to immediately comply... with this as a preliminary relief. A certified question may be a consideration

for the CNMI Supreme Court. In the alternative, a declaratory and injunctive relief in the Superior Court may be filed, either as a concurrent or successive consideration the AG's office may avail of in effecting the application," Aldan said.

In a four-page letter, Aldan asked for Attorney General Edward Manibusan's help and reminded him of their recent informal meeting to push the development of Pagan and other Northern Islands.

"Following our informal meeting in your office earlier this year regarding effectuating the application of the Northern Islands free trade zone, and also in my effort to avert any future privately-initiated action against the DPL

for failure to perform its ministerial duties in implementing the CNMI Constitution on homestead and related statutes of the same matter," Aldan stated, "this letter is a formal follow up and formal request seeking the assistance of the AG in issuing a legal determination and notice to compel the DPL through the department's secretary to fully implement all homestead laws that have long been applied and effected throughout the CNMI to benefit qualified residents of Rota, Tinian, and Saipan."

Aldan said the same property rights and privileges lawfully vested on residents of the Northern Islands have not been accorded to persons of Northern Marianas descent

and qualified residents of the Northern Islands.

According to Aldan there are numerous homestead laws and applicable fundamental policies or provisions of the CNMI Constitution. Under the CNMI Constitution, such homestead laws include Article XL. Several statutes and resolutions have been passed reminding DPL to issue homesteads to residents of the Northern Islands, removing any and all administrative roadblocks to issuance of homesteads to residents.

According to Aldan over two years ago DPL performed land surveys on Pagan, which it identified as Lot No. 001 S 03. The parcel located in Regusa, Pagan contained a total

area of 731,464 square meters of land deemed suitable by DPL for village and agricultural homesteads.

"Another 35 parcels of homestead lots were surveyed at the direction of the public land office back in 1979 by a private survey firm, which is the site of the present homestead in Shulmuson village. This was referenced by a private firm hired by the land office in 1980 on homesteading, reiterating what was previously stated on record by the Office of Transition Team in 1979," Aldan stated.

He cited a meeting last year with Northern Island residents focusing on the status of homesteads and ideas on the allotment of lot size for village and agricultural homesteads. At that time, residents voiced their opinions on the matter seeking interest in gaining homesteads.

Aldan also said that in 2013

DPL informed the Saipan and Northern Island Delegation about a draft Land Use Plan that includes the Northern Islands for the first time and informed SNILD that it will seek consultation with Northern Island residents.

"Unsurprisingly, DPL failed to follow through in properly consulting with the residents of the Northern Islands, let alone the Mayor of the Northern Islands since the 2013 SNILD meeting," he said.

"...in a nutshell, the AG was otherwise compelled to provide the incumbent opportunities to first read, digest, reflect, and get used to following the local law at issue. Unfortunately, the incumbent had chosen to defy, behave, and act contrary to the intent of the cited local law, not once or twice, but 'all' times since said law was approved which had been ignored and violated with impunity," he added.

OIA: Help is on the way for NI

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REPORTER

Office for Insular Affairs assistant secretary Esther Kia'aina has finally responded to Northern Islands Mayor Jerome K. Aldan's pleas to develop Pagan and says that measures are already being taken with several U.S. agencies.

Aldan initially met with Kia'aina in June this year where he formally sought help and assistance from OIA.

Majority of what was spoken included a request for Internet connections for communications, distance learning, and telemedicine capabilities on Pagan.

"Our office has been in contact with the CNMI Homeland Security Emergency Management office. HSEM is already addressing this matter with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Geological Survey," Kia'aina said. "The plan is to work with USGS on a cost-sharing agreement to have the volcano monitoring system in Pagan back online, which would include data uplinks and voice messaging."

Kia'aina thanked Aldan and said that she too is interested in visiting Pagan someday. She pointed out that the Northern Islands Mayor's Office can apply for OIA's Technical Assistance Grant Program that would provide funding for his office.

Aldan aims to build and resettle Pagan and his interest in procuring funding from OIA would help that further development.

According to Aldan, he said

that he and Kia'aina discussed the Internet connection, which was recently terminated because of high maintenance cost.

"What I found from HSEM office is that it costs \$80,000 a year to maintain and keep the Internet running on Pagan Island. However, the deputy assistant secretary for HSEM mentioned that the CNMI-DHSEM is testing a more inexpensive option costing a mere \$3,000 fee a month," Aldan said.

"We are hopeful that we may get some technical assistance in this area considering that communication is imperative to the lives of the people in the Northern Islands, not to mention the potential for distance learning and telemedicine capabilities," he added.

Currently the form of communication in the Northern Islands is through a VHF single sideband radio, which during inclement weather has poor to no reception.

Typhoon Nangka recently damaged several homes in the Northern Islands. Without Internet access and limited or no communication access, Aldan said it would be hard to contact the people in the Northern Islands.

Aldan earlier traveled up north to do assessment and found homes, communication equipment, and several of the Northern Islands Mayor Office facilities were damaged by Nangka.

Aldan is now seeking assistance in procuring home and construction materials for rebuilding several resident homes and facilities that were damaged.



Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services [DFEMS]

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DFEMS launches CNMI-wide recruitment of fire cadets



A firefighter demonstrates yesterday how to drag a victim, as Fire Capt. Jesse Mesa explains the victim rescue, which is the final of eight job-related physical agility test components that applicants for fire cadets must pass during the selection process.

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REPORTER

Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services Commissioner Claudio Norita yesterday formally announced the CNMI-wide recruitment of fire cadets for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. DFEMS is looking for 20 cadets for Saipan, six for Rota, and three for Tinian.

Norita said he received word from the Office of Personnel Management that over 200 persons applied for the 11th Cycle Fire Academy as of last week.

Norita said the applicants include those who applied for police cadets and other positions in law enforcement but switched over to become fire cadets.

"We're seeing a lot of that where they're switching over their current applications to fire cadet position," he said.

Norita said the selection process will follow after the recruitment announcement closes by end of October.

He said the selection period will depend on how many applicants there are.

"The [fewer number of] applicants, the faster the pro-

Survivors, caregivers support meeting tomorrow

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

cess," he said.

The academy will last over three and a half months.

Norita said the cadets will undergo all national certified trainings in accordance with the National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualification and from the National Registry for Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Medical Technician.

"All those training are national certified. We need to meet those criteria," he said.

This is particularly beneficial to successful cadets, he said, because once they are nationally certified, they will have the credential that will allow them to work elsewhere.

Not that he wants them to leave; Norita said it's their obligation to recruit the most ca-

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TGGC) hereby gives notice that it will hold its Special Meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGC Conference Room.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹ REPORTS
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. Executive Director's Report
- III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Management of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Licensing Matters
 - i. Casino License Applications
 - i. ED Recommendation re: Casino License Application of TEC/CSHL due to applicant's failure to meet requirements.
 - b. Proposed Emergency Regulation re Casino Closure Procedures
 - c. Proposed Emergency Regulation re Interim Casino Authorization
- V. EXECUTIVE SESSION²
- VI. MISCELLANEOUS/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

¹ Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

pable and qualified people.

"We need to put in the best training we can so that the service they provide our people is the best service that we, the government, can offer," he said.

The selection process has three phases, but prior to qualifying for that process, all applicants must take an English placement test and submit the results to DFEMS Training Section.

The first phase is the physical fitness test, in which all applicants will be tested in the two-mile run, push-ups, and sit-ups.

The second phase is the agility test, in which qualifiers will undergo eight job-related physical agility compo-

nents—charged line advance, forcible entry simulation, equipment carry simulation, ceiling breach and pull, ladder heel, stair climb with equipment, and victim rescue or dummy drag.

The last phase is the oral test. Norita said the training on Rota will probably kick off first.

The training unit will go to Tinian and Rota and conduct the same selection process.

Firefighter 2 Paul Sasamoto will be the training commander of the academy. Firefighter Gary Cruz will assist.

The last fire academy in the CNMI was in 2012. At present, Saipan has 88 firefighters, Tinian has 11, and Rota has five.



Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children 1 to 13 years old. Many times deaths and injuries can be prevented by proper use of car seats, boosters, and seat belts.

Child Passenger Safety Week

September 13 - 19, 2015

There are many car seat choices on the market. Use the information below to help you choose the type of car seat that best meets your child's needs.

Select a car seat based on your child's age and size, choose a seat that fits in your vehicle, and use it every time.

Always refer to your specific car seat manufacturer's instructions (check height and weight limits) and read the vehicle owner's manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or lower anchors and a tether, if available.

To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as the child fits within the manufacturer's height and weight requirements.

Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.

AGE (YEARS)

Birth	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13+
Rear-Facing Car Seat	Forward-Facing Car Seat												
	Booster Seat												
	Seat Belt												



REAR-FACING CAR SEAT

BIRTH - 12 MONTHS

Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats:

- Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing.
- Convertible and All-in-one car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.

1 - 3 YEARS

Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether.

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FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT

1 - 3 YEARS

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4 - 7 YEARS

Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.



BOOSTER SEAT

4 - 7 YEARS

Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

8 - 12 YEARS

Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snugly across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.



SEAT BELT

8 - 12 YEARS

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Car Seat Inspection Stations are located at:

DPS-Highway Safety Office • DPS Traffic Section • Garapan Fire Station
Koblerville Fire Station • Kagman Fire Station
Tinian Traffic Section • Rota Traffic Section



www.nhtsa.gov

CNMI Department of Public Safety. For more information call:

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**GARAPAN CLEANUP**

As typhoon recovery efforts continue, employees of the Marianas Visitors Authority, PDM Promoters, and Department of Public Works clear debris from the main tourism district of downtown Garapan on Sept. 9, 2015.

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Tropical Depression 20W forms close to Alamagan

Tropical Depression 20W is newly formed east of Alamagan. At 7am yesterday, the center of Tropical Depression 20W was located by satellite about 405 miles east-southeast of Agrihan, about 385 miles east of Alamagan, about 425 miles east-northeast of Saipan, and about 535 miles east-northeast of Guam.

Based on the latest information from the National Weather Service in Tiyian, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Tropical Depression 20W is moving northwest at 12 mph. It is expected to move northwest at 12 mph. Tropical Depression 20W is expected to gradually turn toward

the west-northwest with a slight decrease in forward speed during the next 24 hours.

Maximum sustained winds are now 30 mph. Tropical Depression 20W is expected to intensify through the next 48 hours and could become a tropical storm by today, Wednesday.

There are no watches or warnings in effect for the CNMI at this time although residents and visitors are advised to stay informed and monitor the progress of Tropical Depression 20W.

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center will be monitoring the movement of Tropical Depression 20W and will be issuing bulletins as they become available. Continue to monitor

3 Mañagaha beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged three beaches on the tourist island of Mañagaha and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The affected sites are Managaha Swimming Area A, Managaha Swimming Area B, and Managaha next to the dock.

Samples collected from these locations contained

excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

the official bulletins that will be available through local media sources and NOAA weather radio broadcast on 162.5 megahertz or call the CNMI EOC dispatch center at 237-8000 or visit our website at www.cnmihsem.gov.mp, and for the Northern Islands to contact the CNMI EOC dispatch center at high frequency single side band radio on frequency 5.205.0. (HSEM)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy belated birthday to the greatest mommy in the world, Zenaida L. Santos, who celebrated her special day on Sept. 14! We love and miss you and we hope you enjoy the rest of September. With love coming your way all the way from Guam, Craimar Esri.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-15-021

Typhoon Soudelor Disaster Recovery Project - "Engineering Consultant Services"

The Office of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Expedited Request for Proposals (CUC-RFP-15-021) for *Engineering Consultant Services for conducting Engineering Assessment and Provision of Repair Plans and Procedures for three (3) Power Plant Facilities Projects on Saipan: Power Plant 1, Power Plant 2, and Power Plant 4*.

As this project is time sensitive, with critical effects on the economy, health and life of the island of Saipan's residents and its business community, under this contract, CUC may award to multiple consultant firms to perform the scope of work at one or more power plants.

These options allow the CUC an opportunity to select more than one proposer, if that decision serves the best interest of CUC, at any given time, depending on this RFP's response.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 PM (ChST), Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays, until September 17, 2015.

One (1) original and five (5) copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "(CUC-RFP-15-021) for *Engineering Consultant Services*" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than September 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered. CUC reserves the right to reject any proposal received after the deadline. Proposals shall be evaluated as per the evaluation criteria specified in the RFP. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations.

A mandatory Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the Power Plant I Administration Building in Lower Base, Saipan on **September 10, 2015 at 10:30 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visits to Power Plant 1, Power Plant 2, and Power Plant 4 facilities will be arranged. Proposers should familiarize themselves with the site conditions at each facility so all sites can be evaluated properly.

Contract(s) will be awarded to the firm(s) submitting the most responsive proposal(s), and who is/are determined by CUC to be best qualified firm(s) to successfully perform the work, and to meet all other requirements thereof. CUC reserves the rights, nevertheless, to accept a proposal other than the lowest, if it determines that CUC's interest will be best served by doing so, or to reject any and all proposals or parts of proposals received.

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 22, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Stipulated Order 2 Project Coordinator via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

JOHN RIEGEL
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLON
Purchasing Officer

Humanities' community grants deadline extended

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council has extended the fourth quarter grant deadline to Friday, Oct. 16, 2015, at 4pm.

The council supports a wide range of humanities projects consistent with the goals and objectives of its Strategic Master Plan and awards competitive matching grants to any non-profit organization, institution, group, or ad hoc committee.

The council's Strategic Master Plan covers a five-year period from 2011 to 2015 and tackles

Lydia Flores Camacho-Romisher, 67

Lydia Flores Camacho-Romisher, 67, passed away on Wednesday last week, Sept. 9, 2015.

Camacho-Romisher led a very full and exciting life as a wife, mother, grandmother, career professional, and civic leader. Aside from taking care of her family, her next love was working with the poor, underprivileged, the abused, and neglected children and women and most specifically the homeless.

She never stopped learning even after she became legally blind in 1991, at the peak of her career, then going on to law school in 1996-1999, graduating with honors. She was admitted into the New Mexico State Bar in 2000 and pursued pro-bono work as an attorney. She was a volunteer-practicing attorney for the Law Clinic, UNM School of Law under the direct guidance and mentoring of professor and Law Clinic director Antoinette Sedillo-Lopez.

Born on June 12, 1948, Camacho-Romisher is survived by her husband, John Michael Romisher; by three daughters, sons-in-law and granddaugh-

ters: Stephanie Beth, John and granddaughter Kellie Lynn Webb; Michelle Lynn and Jeffrey Mann; Lindsey Anne, Jesse, granddaughter Jeslyn Eileen and step-granddaughter Sophia Sollion; and by her brother-in law, Roy Andrew Romisher.

She is also survived by her siblings, in-laws, and numerous nieces and nephews. Siblings and spouses include Efrain and Martha Camacho; George Camacho; Ramona and Daniel Halstead, Ginny and Randy Blackmun; Margarita and Francisco Castro; Maria and Marvin Camacho-Cook; William and Marie Camacho; and Vincent and Rose Camacho.

Camacho-Romisher was preceded in death by her father and mother, Vicente Sablan Camacho and Estefania Flores Camacho and her oldest sister, Anunciacion. Lydia is the second oldest child in the family.

Memorial services will be held at St. Jude Thaddeus Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, today, Sept. 16, 2015. A rosary will be recited at 11am. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30am. (PR)

current and long-range needs and challenges confronting the council. It aims to define the council's principal goals and objectives, which is establishing priorities for programs and activities, allowing the council to carry out its program and activities in an efficient and organized fashion.

Grant applications may be delivered to the council office at Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai or emailed to northernmariashumanities@gmail.com. Grant applications will not be

considered officially received until they have been certified complete by staff.

Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered during the next review cycle.

The council meets for regular sessions in January, April, July, and October each year and during each meeting, pending applications for community grants are looked at and decisions are made whether to fund or not fund particular applications.

For more information about the council's grant program, visit their website at www.northernmariashumanities.org or call 235-4785. (*NMI Humanities Council*)

Landline, DSL outage for IT&E in As Lito and Joeten Dandan



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A cable cabinet—known as a pedestal—is inadvertently damaged by a contractor during road work in the As Lito Road and the Joeten Dandan Housing areas.

IT&E is notifying its customers who reside or conduct business in the areas of As Lito Road

and the Joeten Dandan Housing Area that a cable cabinet—known as a pedestal—has been

inadvertently damaged by a contractor during road work in the area. Services that may be affected are landline and DSL.

IT&E crews are currently working on repairing the damaged pedestal, which houses the cables to subscriber homes. A second notification to the public will be released once services have been restored.

IT&E would like to remind all companies, government agencies and residential customers to call 611 at least 24 hours prior to any excavation work, including clearing of debris near IT&E pedestals.

IT&E can assist by sending a team to identify the cable location prior to excavation. (*IT&E*)

WIOA Dislocated Worker Funding Program

If any of these categories apply to you, please contact WIA.

Category A: General Dislocated Workers. To qualify, an individual must meet the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment;
2. Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation; OR has been employed or attached to the workforce for a duration sufficient to demonstrate to WIOA, but is not eligible for unemployment compensation due to insufficient earnings or having performed services for an employer that were not covered under a state unemployment compensation law; and
3. Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

Category B: Plant Closure. To qualify, an individual must meet one of the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, plant, facility, or enterprise;
2. Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
3. For purpose of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIOA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made general announcement that such facility will close.

Category C: Self Employed or Unemployed. To qualify, an individual must meet the following criteria:

1. Was self employed (including employment as a farmer, a rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

Category D: is a displaced homemaker;

DISPLACED HOMEMAKER—The term “displaced homemaker” means an individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and who—

- (A) (i) has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income; or (ii) is the dependent spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code) and whose family income is significantly reduced because of a deployment (as defined in section 991(b) of title 10, United States Code, or pursuant to paragraph (4) of such section), a call or order to active duty pursuant to a provision of law referred to in section 101(a)(13)(B) of title 10, United States Code, a permanent change of station, or the service-connected (as defined in section 101(16) of title 38, United States Code) death or disability of the member; and
- (B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

Category E:

1. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code), and who has experienced a loss of employment as a direct result of relocation to accommodate a permanent change in duty station of such member; or
2. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria described in Displaced Homemaker Definition (B).

You may be able to qualify for services under WIOA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements apply.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Scholarship Board of Directors is hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular board meeting on **Monday, September 21, 2015 at 3:00 pm** on Rota. The meeting will be held at the Mayor's Office Conference Room.

AGENDA

- I. Meeting Call to Order
- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Review and Adoption of Minutes
 - b. Appeals
- V. New Business
 - a. Proposed Regulations
 - b. AY 2014/2015 Memorandum of Agreement
 - c. Compliance Requirements for AY2014/2015
- VI. CSO Director Updates
- VII. Announcements & Next Meeting Date
- VIII. Adjournment of Meeting

/s/ Geralyn C. Dela Cruz
Chairperson

Opinion

Hara Adai!

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Case of the caustic teacher

For several years schools and courts have been wrestling with the question of whether students may be disciplined for statements posted online. But what if the person who posts the problematic message is a teacher?

Earlier this month the U.S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia rejected a free-speech claim by Natalie Munroe, a high school English teacher who was fired after publishing a blog containing caustic comments about pupils and parents alike (intended for friends, but not password-protected). The court made the right decision. A teacher has a right to blog—or write a letter to the editor—about politics or social policy or even educational issues. But that right doesn't extend to sarcastic riffs about one's students.

Although Munroe didn't identify either her students or her school by name, she referred to one student as "the jerk who was out three days around our last major assessment because his family took him on trip to Puerto Rico," and quoted the words of another she described as an "obnoxious kid." In a flight of fancy, she offered a litany of alternatives to standard phrases used to evaluate students on report cards. They included "dunderhead," "weirdest kid I've ever met" and "utterly loathsome in all imaginable ways."

After students began circulating some of Munroe's blog posts, several parents asked that their children not be assigned to her classroom. She was allowed to return to the school after a suspension and maternity leave, but eventually was fired. The school cited "poor performance," but Munroe claimed she was punished for engaging in speech protected by the 1st Amendment.

The appeals court convincingly held that Monroe's speech was "sufficiently disruptive so as to diminish any legitimate interest in its expression." The court added that Munroe couldn't benefit from rulings holding that government employees may express opinions on "matters of public concern." That protection must be balanced, the court noted, against the state's interest in the efficiency of public services.

As Judge Robert E. Cowen wrote in the majority opinion: "When a teacher's derogatory comments about his or her students cause numerous parents to tell the school district that they 'don't want her as my child's teacher,' it is appropriate to conclude that his or her speech impedes the performance of the speaker's duties as a teacher."

Teaching is a stressful and often thankless profession, and Munroe isn't the first practitioner to seek release in humor and ridicule. But she shouldn't have posted her put-downs where there was any chance that her students and their parents could see them.

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Tardigrades

They are eight-legged creatures that look like tiny bears, thus the name waterbear for *tardigrades*, the name adopted for our Language Studio. We teach learners how they may learn efficiently on their own, learning a language in the process.

The group's motto is "Let's Play Language," using a "hear-repeat" methodology we crafted at Shenyang Aerospace University's repertoire of English pedagogy in 2011 to 2014.

"Let's Milk" is an accepted marketing phrase in China so "Let's Play Language" is not "incorrect." The pedagogy is heavy on usage, hearing, and repeating sounds. Familiarity is on listening (hear) and mimicking (repeat) rather than memorizing words on reading (sight) and writing (memory), an audio complement to the visual ken.

Academic pedagogy relies on transfer of "secondary" language like English to a primary philology like *Putonghua*, common across China on read-write *Hanzi* calligraphy, and has tongues diverge in pronunciation but focused on uniformity of meaning in writing 5,000-some characters in current usage.

English, on the other hand, is phonetic, consisting of less than 50 common sounds put together to approximate a word, which is written differently from the way it sounds (thanks to the Normans, we eat *buffet*, smell a *bouquet* of flowers, like to cook *live* chicken, and *live* like a king). Meaning is derived from use rather than dictionary meaning of words. "All-you-can-eat" does a "*buffet*" make!

English and Chinese diverge at the phonetic nature of the first, and the write-read *Hanzi* of the second. There is no equivalent correspondence one-on-one between Chinese characters and English words, and transference of meaning in the old method of understanding English through Chinese is a tedious and ineffective method.

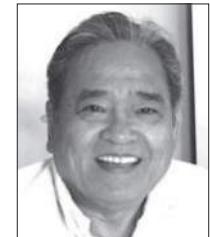
Getting familiar with *Hanzi* characters constitutes learning *Putonghua*; listening to spoken sound is getting familiar with English. Chinese focuses on place (clan names are determined by their place of origin) and roles played in stratified social scale. English, like its Gaelic cousins, follow time-differentiated verb tense (past, present, and future); *Zhonghua* verbs are similar in time, gender pronouns undifferentiated, unlike the "he, she, it" in English.

The academic teaching of English in China is like that of learning *Putonghua*, memorizing meaning of each abstract term (cognitive) before getting familiar with use, which begins at the sense level of seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting and touching, and progresses to feelings, thoughts and deeds, thus the difficulty in casual speaking but widespread in abstraction.

Zhongguoren on Saipan speak English in common discourse while those who learned it formally are reluctant to speak; those who use it in regular trade find it easy to converse, albeit syn-

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tactically awkward; book learners have text-capable dictionary-equipped-smartphones to guide correct use, shielded by a strategic defensive silence.

The contradiction in speaking is abetted by concern for face (*mienzi*). It is easy to deal with reading and writing but not easy to have one's speaking corrected without the "loss of face," too public for comfort. Many are tongue-tied, afraid to make a mistake.

Multi-lingual *Dong Bei* has the advantage of history. It hosted Russians (Port Arthur to Harbin and Manzhuli), Koreans (Kogoryo, part of which is Yanbian, Korea-in-China), and Japanese (Manchukuo) within its borders. The common *Hanzi* in Sinosphere was a unifying consequence.

"R" in Russian is always a roar; the tongue's thrill of the trill poses unfamiliarity ("r-l" sounds leans to the "l" like "fried lice" for "fried rice," to use a stereotype) in spite of Russki's presence in *Dong Bei* along the Amur River.

Mienzi fostered an inferiority complex developed in response to the carving out of spheres of influence by Japan in the last century. Traditional Chinese is often downgraded as "countryside."

Economic analysts of the off-the-cuff variety refer to Chinese products as "fake." China's Central Bank numbers are presumed unreliable, making the value of the *renminbi* inaccurate when converting to other currencies. China does what the U.S. model prescribes to manage externally induced recession: print money to bail out a sector! Ironically, when Beijing allowed the *renminbi* to "float," the stock market convulsed and the world expected Beijing to "interfere."

Authenticity in *mienzi* remains a challenge. The authenticity of the human spirit *sans* glitziness of *mienzi* is our pedagogical mission. We incorporate into our pedagogy the practical wisdom to use Saipan's shops, beaches, and people as our language immersion studio. We package programs so that learners from China speak rather than read. We train the ear before the eye. English «to be one» means one leaves the *mienzi* outside the door.

Tardigrades are resilient creatures known to survive outer space and the depth of the Marianas Trench, arid deserts, and wet rainforests. We aim to teach humans to be likewise.

Is it 'drip' or 'screw'?

Not sure what my aging ear heard but it sounded like "drip, drip, drip" or the dreadful hallway sex-yell, you know, "Screw you," quickly reciprocated by, "Screw you too!" Let's figure out the beastly monster.

Is a deluge on the way? Shouldn't someone be checking the lady's coiffure (expansive and expensive hairstyles) and high heels in both the Inos and Torres camps? Are the boys' boots still dry? Or has it been soaking and itching but no one wants to complain for fear of tattle telling?

The implosion of real time disunity has finally gone off. It's irreversible. The senior Inos team just got miffed, being run over by less experienced juniors from the Torres camp. *No mas!* Each team has decided to go it alone. What happens next is really up to the wedged solutions driven team.

If the governor decides on an early out, he then must declare a special election. The lieutenant governor isn't going to have it easy under this scenario. A GOP insider related that about half of the GOP is ready for a "new" person as the likely standard bearer. Not ready as yet for a date with Mr. Ralph Torres at the helm. It's a helluva rumble in GOP land. Brace for it!

They wanted to secure power as presumptive heir apparent! Fine. But in doing so it also burns bridges requiring more than sanctimonious diplomacy or double speak to mend differences. The Inos team is probably smiling contentedly saying, "Screw you!" Comes the "drip" as the Torres side wished it were still the good old days when Inos led the assault before hitting the campaign trail.

The implosion has quietly but intractably wedged the GOP since months ago. It's been kept under the lid but the cat is finally out of the bag, so to speak. It's a tough cookie to negotiate with calm and civility. It's one nasty irreconcilable feud you can't muffle with "biba."

This division is itself the signal of the GOP's final demise that parallels the Democrats' disintegration over 40 years ago. It still is picking up the pieces today.

The metaphor turns colorful when things go haywire. Interestingly, people ask innocently, if not facetiously, "Where's the water coming from?" Who turned on the "water of permanent hostility and disunity?"

What do I do? I think I'd better settle for courtroom rather than hallway sex. It comes a little softly with some pleasant surprises. It includes dividing pennies from the last social security check only to find out there isn't enough for my medication and occasional hamburger! Suzzzz!

Taxes chase investors

In 2013, Texas gained the most taxpayers while New York lost the most. The state with the most growth in new taxpayers? Texas!

The state, governed by Republican Rick Perry during the 2012-2013 year, saw a positive net migration of 152,477 people. "Texas accounted for more than half of the net migration into the South," the IRS reports.

While Texas may have gained the most people, Florida—also governed by a Republican (current Gov. Rick Scott)—showed the greatest amount of net wealth gain from any other state. New Floridians brought \$8.34 billion in adjusted gross income to the state.

America's "Biggest Loser," in Americans for Tax Reform's terms, is New York. It lost the most amount of taxpayers compared

to any other state. Governed by Democrat Andrew Cuomo, New York saw a loss of almost 115,000 people.

Taxpayers leaving New York took with them \$5.65 billion in adjusted gross income. Here at home I wonder if we even know what the arcane tax system has done against investment or anything up that alley. Do we sleepwalk it again? When do we clamp down to doing what's right for the NMI resetting its goal on investments?

Do you see why we must have a set of plans? Or do we wink it once more sashaying into familiar sleepwalk land? Ever heard of the word "vision?" *Dios miu!*

More than rules: I was really hoping the Tinian Gaming Commission would buckle down to the other side of the set of rules that must be followed. It's called the human aspect of the gaming industry on such a small island community. The choice is hopelessly zero!

A provisional license would have sufficed initially. It would have sent the firm back to the drawing board to begin putting its act together to meeting the statutory requirements being sought by the commission. Employees continue working meeting familial obligations while no one is displaced. It would have been one happy medium where everybody's a winner!

It's bad enough the industry is hit by double whammy disasters that shut it off from the rest of the world, doubled down by another shutter after a superstorm left it in tatters. In fact, it would have been highly responsible of the commission to ensure the employment of over 140 employees so they could have something to use during the immediate recovery period.

Culture of privilege: The conviction and sentencing of a former governor sustained my trust and faith in the institution of justice here. I was happy until "commutation" kicked everybody on the face, making a mockery of our people's aspirations for good democratic governance.

The sitting governor simply missed the opportunity to demonstrate "privilege and impunity" no longer have a place in our system of justice. What an immense failure! Political camaraderie isn't leadership; it's demagoguery in all its form and substance!

Historical lessons: The Spanish did away with indigenous land tenure system where the largest class of Chamorro—the Manachang—was denied landownership. It made everyone a landowner and it was from this lesson in history that we started learning the essence of justice.

We kept this system intact, based on individual landownership, until 1978 when we decided it was fine to deny our fellow man his ownership to land and property.

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Bloomberg View

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Europe discovers its new border is the Sahara

Avast crumbling can be heard across Europe, coupled with an ennui that is the ironic upshot of being stunned by too many disparate crises. The Mediterranean, it turns out, is not the southern border of Europe: Rather, that border lies somewhere in the Sahara Desert from where African migrants coalesce into caravans headed north. And as they have throughout history, the Balkans still form a zone of human migration from the Near East. For decades, the dream of the European Union was to become a post-national paradise of prosperity and the rule of law, and gradually, through various association agreements, extend the bounties of civil society to contiguous regions. Now the process is being reversed: The contiguous regions are exporting their instability into Europe itself. Eurasia, a super-continent of historic exodus, is starting to re-integrate Europe.

This tumultuous process occurs as the social welfare state—the moral answer of European elites to the carnage of the 20th century—has become nearly impossible to sustain at its current level in some countries. The prolonged multi-year stagnation, exacerbated by bad monetary policy, has begot populist movements that will turn against the latest wave of refugees once the initial bout of public compassion runs its course. Extremely low economic growth, plus the inevitable incidents of crime and terror, will darken the popular mood soon enough. Europe's borders, rather than loosen as they have for decades, will tighten, with elements of the interior-ministry-designed police state asserting themselves in some countries. In a continent where nationality is still determined too much by blood and religion, calls will come for a Great Wall of sorts.

As Europe's postmodern period commences, a fluid geography is reassessing itself and erasing the last remaining divisions of the Cold War. For it was the survival of totalitarian states in the Middle East and North Africa into the 21st century that helped keep the Islamic

masses locked up and safely away from Europe. But as significant parts of the Middle East dissolve into anarchy, from Libya to Afghanistan, Fortress Europe is no more.

Since antiquity, it was often demographic and military eruptions from the east—whether in the form of Persians, the various Gothic tribes, Slavs, Magyars, and others—that changed the face of Europe. The challenge from the east is now double-edged: Moslem refugees and an aggressive Russia. Either Russia will remain strong and dangerous, or weak and dangerous. If Russia remains strong and dangerous, it will continue to undermine the government in Ukraine and may choose to ignite so-called frozen crises in places like Moldova and Lithuania. It will also serve as a pole of attraction for European populists who admire President Vladimir Putin's emphasis on ethnicity and revisionism. If Russia becomes weak and dangerous, we should expect even more virulent nationalism and anarchy within Russia itself. Because of Russia's increasingly perilous economic condition, what seems implausible today may become ordinary tomorrow. The post-communist states of east central Europe, with their relatively weak institutions, will bear the brunt of these upheavals.

And yet the European Union is still sufficiently robust to mitigate these epic forces. The EU, remember, is more than a balance sheet. It represents states rather than nations—that is, the rule of law and the protection of the individual against arbitrary fiat, regardless of ethnic or religious group. It is that attribute, as I know well from my experience as a journalist in the region, that still keeps former subjects of the East Bloc from descending into terminal cynicism about the EU.

At the same time, the EU's leaders must never forget that only by repairing its balance sheet through fundamental economic and monetary reforms can it possibly ameliorate the continent's other problems. Sustained economic growth can undermine the attraction of populist parties and thus make it politically easier for European

societies to integrate more immigrants from the Middle East and North Africa in future years. A return to robust economic growth will also increase the possibility of higher defense budgets, which will send a strong message to an autocratic Russia. Growth will also improve the prospects for a lost generation of unemployed young people—perhaps the most underrated danger to the long-term political health of Europe. Growth, moreover, will enhance the ongoing institutionalization of states in the former Communist East. As Lee Kuan Yew demonstrated on the other side of the world in Singapore, building honest, impersonal institutions helps a small state survive in a region of bigger, hostile ones.

Reforming the welfare state does not mean dismantling it—that will only cause another form of social and political upheaval. Nevertheless, structural economic reform is, at root, the solution to Europe's slow-motion dissolution. If the EU cannot generate more dynamism in the realm of economic and fiscal policy, it will continue to fracture internally, as each state looks out for its own, zero-sum interests, even as external threats multiply and Europe melts into Eurasia. Such a transformation in political geography would leave the United States as the lonely bastion of the West. Indeed, the EU's creation and evolution represents the ultimate fruit of the U.S.-led victory in World War II. It should not give way to the dementia of nationalist ideologies.

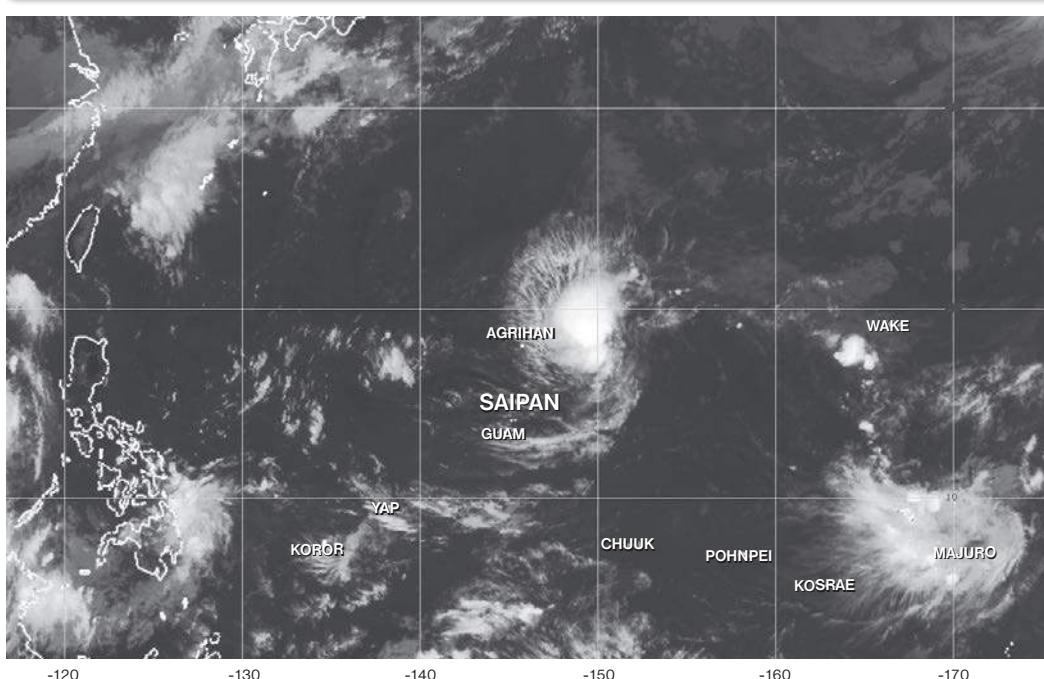
But political vision requires a strong economic foundation. And only a fiscally vibrant Europe can cope with the threats on its periphery. Geography matters, but human agency matters more.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. West winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. West winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Depression 20W is 430 miles east-northeast of Saipan near 18N151E with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph and moving northwest at 12 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are between 15N and 23N from 147E to 152E. For more information on TD20W, refer to bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and the National Weather Service Guam under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough runs eastward from the central Philippines across 12N130E through Tropical Depression 20W at 18N151E and toward Wake Island to about 17N163E then the trough curves southeastward to a disturbance north of Majuro at 9N171E. Converging southwest winds are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Koror and Yap between 5N and 10N from 135E to 140E and between 8N and 10N from 140E to 146E farther east across the Marshall Islands there are numerous showers and several thunderstorms between 6N and 11N from 166E to 174E. Converging easterly winds just southwest of Wake Island are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in patchy areas within 100 miles of a line from 21N160E to 17N165E to 15N171E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 80

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:25 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
10:20 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
4:37 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
10:19 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:06 AM	6:19 PM
Thursday	6:06 AM	6:18 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:17 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:17 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:16 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:08 AM	8:13 PM
Thursday	8:56 AM	8:53 PM
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Sunday	11:24 AM	11:09 PM

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SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287 6:05am 1:05am+1 2, 6 via NRT				DL298 4:30am 2:55pm 3, 7 via NRT			
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287 6:05am 8:40am 1, 4, 5, 6				DL298 10:25am 2:55pm Daily			
DL297 4:30pm 7:15pm Daily				DL288 8:55pm 1:25am+1 3, 4, 5, 7			
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
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Nation

Police say suspect in Mississippi campus shooting is dead

GREENVILLE, Miss. (AP)—A college instructor suspected in the fatal shootings of a woman he lived with on Mississippi's Gulf Coast and a professor at Delta State University 300 miles away died Monday of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound after trying to flee police, authorities said.

Shannon Lamb had earlier told authorities that he was "not going to jail."

Police in Greenville, Mississippi, were following Lamb as he was driving when the suspect pulled over and jumped out of his car, Lynn Buford, chief of the Delta State University police, told The Associated Press. One of the victims was killed at the uni-



versity earlier Monday.

When police gave chase, they heard one gunshot and then found Lamb, Buford said.

This undated photo provided by Delta State University shows history professor Ethan Schmidt, who was killed Monday, Sept. 14, 2015, at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss.

gunshot wound, Buford said.

Lamb's death brought to an end a chaotic day that saw terrified students and teachers hunkered down in classrooms for hours. The Delta State campus was put on lockdown as armed officers methodically went through buildings, checking in closets, behind doors and under tables and desks.

University President William LaForge told the AP late Monday that the lockdown had been lifted. He said there would be no classes Tuesday but students, faculty and staff are invited to campus to at-



Source: AP Graphic: Staff, TNS

tend a vigil in the evening to honor the staff member who was killed.

"We're relieved that this tragedy is over," LaForge said.

Investigators said Lamb, 45, was a suspect in the slayings of 41-year-old Amy Prentiss, who was found dead in the

home she shared with Lamb in Gautier; and 39-year-old Ethan Schmidt, a history professor who was killed in his own office on campus in Cleveland.

Officers in the two cities said they had not uncovered a motive for either slaying.

Gautier Police Lt. Scott Wilson and another officer whose name was not given said during a news conference Monday in Gautier said they had spoken with Lamb.

In the news conference broadcast on WLOX-TV, the unidentified officer said anyone coming into contact with Lamb should use extreme caution because police had spoken to the suspect and "he's made the statement that he's not going to jail."

He would not say when or how police spoke to Lamb.

Ferocious wildfire devastates California mountain town

MIDDLETON, Calif. (AP)—Earlier this summer, this small mountain town north of San Francisco opened its modest high school to residents fleeing an unusually ferocious wildfire nearby.

Now it is Middleton itself that has been evacuated—and gutted—by another blaze that shocked firefighters with its strength and speed.

The town's small cluster of shops and cafes was spared, but behind them erratic winds sent flames zigzagging down leafy streets, torching some houses and sparing others. On Monday,

some residents returned to find their homes reduced to concrete foundations, chimney stacks and rubble.

One woman wept and embraced her mother as they stood among blackened appliances and twisted metal where their family home used to be. Nearby, beige houses trimmed in white remained untouched.

"I'm in shock. I want to cry. I'm looking at my neighbors' places, and they're all gone, and I'm still here," homeowner Jim Maurer said. "We're just shaking our heads."

Over the weekend, the blaze

killed an elderly, disabled woman identified by her family as retired teacher Barbara McWilliams, 72.

McWilliams had settled in the Middletown area in the last year, her family said. Her caretaker, Jennifer Hittson, told the Santa Rosa Press Democrat (<http://bit.ly/1Kbct8I>) McWilliams had advanced multiple sclerosis and had major physical disabilities that limited her ability to walk. She died trapped in her home.

Lake County Sheriff's Lt. Steve Brooks declined to confirm the victim's name.

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Ferguson panel recommends merging police, other changes

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP)—The co-chairman of a reform panel formed after the Ferguson police shooting of Michael Brown said Monday that the group's report calling for police departments and municipal courts to be merged and other changes "reveals uncomfortable truths about this region we call home." Rich McClure and other Ferguson Commission members acknowledge in their 198-page report that the panel has no power to enact any of the proposals. Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon said he backs the recom-

World

Razor-lined boxcar marks Hungary's new border for migrants

ROSZKE, Hungary (AP)—Hungary deployed a boxcar bristling with razor wire to close a key border crossing and warned of a new era of swift deportations Monday as governments across Europe debated how to share the burden of housing hundreds of thousands seeking refuge—and whether the continent's hard-won policy of passport-free travel could survive the unrelenting flow of humanity.

In Brussels, ministers from the 28-nation bloc agreed to share responsibility for 40,000 people seeking refuge in overwhelmed Italy and Greece and spoke hopefully of reaching eventual agreement—possibly next month, or possibly by the end of the year—on which nations would take 120,000 more.

But their slow deliberations appeared disconnected from the rapidly shifting situation on the most besieged borders of Europe, where Austria, Slovakia and even the Netherlands joined Germany in reintroducing bor-



then this chaos will be the result," said Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn of Luxembourg, which holds the EU presidency. Germany's decision to deploy police on borders and trains

could trigger "a domino effect and then we can forget Schengen," he said, referring to the 1985 agreement that gradually removed passport checks on most European borders.

Analysis: Russia gambles in Syria, ramping up involvement

BEIRUT (AP)—In ramping up its military involvement in Syria's civil war, Russia appears to be betting that the West, horrified by the Islamic State group's spread and an escalating migrants crisis, may be willing to quietly tolerate President Bashar Assad for a while, perhaps as part of a transition.

The logic is that prioritizing the fight with the jihadis means accepting Assad as the less bad option despite his own brutal acts, and might produce a more effective and coordinated fight in the air and on the ground.

It also would reorganize an awkward situation in Syria, whereby the Assad regime and the U.S.-led coalition are actively fighting the same group but do not act like allies—as opposed to coordination the coalition maintains with the central Baghdad authorities in the parallel fight against Islamic State group in neighboring Iraq.

Australia's next prime minister battles rich, privileged tag

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australia's next prime minister has battled a public perception that his wealth puts him out of touch with ordinary Australians. A few details on Malcolm Turnbull, who is scheduled to be sworn in Tuesday after winning a party ballot challenging Tony Abbott's leadership:

■ **A QUICK RISE:** He worked as a journalist, lawyer, investment banker and venture capitalist before he was elected to Parliament in 2004 to represent the Sydney electoral division of Wentworth, the wealthiest in Australia. He was always assumed to have his eye on the top political prize, which he has achieved in a relatively quick 11 years.

■ **FAMILY LIFE:** His father Bruce Turnbull was a Sydney hotel broker who became a single father when his wife Coral Lansbury, a radio actress, academic, cousin of the British actress Angela Lansbury, abandoned the family when Turnbull was 9 years old.

Turnbull's wife Lucy Turnbull is a former Lord Mayor of Sydney and her father Tom Hughes is a prominent Sydney lawyer and a former Attorney-General in a conservative federal government.

Turnbull was educated at Sydney Grammar School and the University of Sydney before attending Brasenose College, Oxford, as a Rhodes scholar.

In Yemen, Emirati troops push toward rebel-held capital

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SAFFER, Yemen (AP)—As fighting rages on in Yemen, troops from the United Arab Emirates that are part of a Saudi-led coalition battling Shiite rebels are pushing toward the country's rebel-held capital, Sanaa, after securing a strategic provincial city, the commander of an Emirati contingent said Monday.

They hope their campaign will push the rebels out and help restore Yemen's legitimate

government. Emirati Brig. Gen. Ali Saif al-Kaabi told reporters during a visit to an Emirati base inside Yemen that the coalition forces were not "coming to occupy Yemen."

The Emiratis are part of thousands of Saudi and UAE forces fighting on the ground in Yemen to reverse the territorial gains by the Iran-backed rebels known as Houthis, who captured Sanaa last year and much of the country's north. The Saudi-led coalition launched its cam-

paign of airstrikes against the Houthis in March.

The presence of troops from the oil-rich Gulf states could be a game-changer in the bitter war that pits the Houthis and troops loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh against an array of forces, including southern separatists, local and tribal militias, Sunni Islamic militants as well as troops loyal to exiled President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi.

Pro-government forces re-

cently pushed the Houthis out of several key southern areas in Yemen. The conflict has killed more than 4,000 people, leaving the Arab world's poorest country in the grip of a humanitarian crisis and on the brink of famine.

On Monday, al-Kaabi told media crews during an exclusive visit to UAE troops fighting on the ground in Yemen, that the Saudi-led coalition has secured the city of Marib, the capital of Marib province.

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT In Celebration of His New Life †JERRY BEN McVICAR

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From Mrs. McVicar & Children, Julie Barry & Carey Guthormsen

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Life & Style

Cranston knocks on post-'Breaking Bad' career with 'Trumbo'

TORONTO (AP)—Bryan Cranston looks no less gob-smacked the morning after Helen Mirren, at the Toronto International Film Festival premiere of their film "Trumbo," called him "one of the greatest living American actors."

"I didn't know she felt that way," Cranston says, shaking his head. "I think she must be a little under the weather."

Practice makes perfect when polishing your social skills

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: I'm 13 years old, and I want to know how I can make my life easier and not be as shy as I am. I have a lot of friends at school, but of course they're not popular either. I want to still have those friends, but I'd like to be able to strike up conversations with other people. When I try, I get nervous and chicken out before I can get a word out.

I want to improve my communication skills and come across as more friendly and natural. My aunt told me you have a booklet that can help. If you do, how do I get one?

NICOLE FROM NEVADA

DEAR NICOLE: Everybody wants to be well-liked, accepted, feel needed, appreciated—and of course, loved. It's essential to a person's self-esteem to know other people think they're worth having as a friend.

If you think you're alone in being shy, let me assure you that you have lots of company. No one emerges from the womb knowing how to be social. It's a skill that has to be developed. Like you, many others could use a little coaching on how to be the kind of person others find attractive, interesting and worth knowing.

Achieving it isn't always easy because social skills don't come naturally to everyone. My booklet "How to Be Popular" contains tips on how to approach others, and what to say and NOT say when trying to make conversation. You can order one by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby Popular Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. When you get it, don't just read it once. Keep it on hand for reference because it contains many helpful suggestions for polishing social skills—which, like any other skills, takes time, effort and practice.

DEAR ABBY: I have recently begun a relationship with my biological father, "Frank," after not seeing him since I was 4. My mother and stepfather raised me and I am very close to them. But after talking to Frank and meeting him face to face, I have gotten close to him as well.

His relationship with Mom ended badly. They were very young and he takes all the blame. Mom has always said that if I have a relationship with Frank, she wants no part of it. After I told her I have been talking to him for two years, she became upset and has been short with me and my wife ever since.

I want to continue to develop what I have with my biological father, but I'm not sure how to handle Mom if she's going to be so hurt and upset over it. Can you advise?

ANDY IN GEORGIA

DEAR ANDY: Tell your mother you have noticed a change in her behavior, and feel that she is punishing you for having an interest in knowing your biological father. If that's the case, in the future do not discuss anything about Frank with her since she has made clear that she doesn't want to hear it.

If you haven't discussed this with your stepfather, please consider enlisting his help because he may be able to explain your feelings to your mother better than you can.

Awareness of Cranston's talent, of course, skyrocketed during the five award-winning, thoroughly addictive seasons he spent playing Walter White on "Breaking Bad." Now that that series is well in the rearview (even if after-effects of withdrawal persist for many fans), Cranston's post-"Breaking Bad" career is taking off.

"Trumbo," in which he stars as the blacklisted screenwriter Dalton Trumbo, is the most telling sign yet of what this new chapter will be for the 59-year-



old actor. And he's good enough in it to suggest that Mirren may be quite healthy, after all.

"The opportunities have opened up and I'm so grateful for it and just trying to navigate through them and take advantage of them," Cranston said in an interview. "I know that at some point, it will calm down and I'll step off the rollercoaster and rest for a while. And when that happens, I want to be able to look back and say I was in the moment and I'm proud of what I've done."

"Trumbo," which Bleecker

Street Media will release in the heart of awards season on Nov. 6, is directed by Jay Roach and adapted by John McNamara from Bruce Cook's biography. Roach, known best for his comedies ("Meet the Parents," "Austin Powers"), takes a zippy, amusing tour through one of Hollywood's most shameful periods and through the life of one of its most eccentric figures.

Trumbo, one of the top screenwriters in Hollywood and a member of the Communist party since 1943, was targeted by the House Un-American Activities Committee. When

he and others of the so-called Hollywood Ten refused to name names, they were held in contempt of Congress. Trumbo was jailed for 11 months and found himself blacklisted upon release. To make a living, he wrote scripts by pseudonym and won two Oscars ("The Brave One," "Roman Holiday") under other names.

"It's fundamentally un-American to force someone under the penalty of incarceration to say: 'What unions do you belong to?' Just as it would: 'What's your sexual orientation?'" says Cranston. "It's none of your business, and that's the point."

Forever In Our Hearts

+ Josephine Lifoifoi Tajibmai

Lovingly known as "Ofing" or "Josie"

Born on January 3, 1968, was called to her Eternal Life on September 13, 2015

In her new life, she now joins her:

Mother:	†Amalia Taisakan Lifoifoi
Brother:	†Joseph Taisakan Lifoifoi
Father-in-law:	†Manchor Sunumai
Mother-in-law:	†Teresita Lawiphfor
Reared Mother-in-law:	†Theresa I. Taitano
Brothers-in-law:	†Philip Maluweiram †John Gauglur
Sister-in-law:	†Julita T. Palacios

Her love and memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Husband:	Sebastian Tajibmai
Children:	Barry, Faithlynn, and Sebastian Jr.
Parents:	Jose R. & Cecilia Lifoifoi
Brothers, Sisters and In-laws:	Paterno/Elizabeth Hocog and Children and Grandchildren John Taisakan and Children Angel Hocog Ignacia L. /Manny N. Evangelista and Children Remedio L./Dave B. Pangelinan and Children Joseph T. Lifoifoi/Risha Torres and Children Canilus Tapayogmai and Family Thomas Sthumai and Family Marino Yarogimal and Family John Malimai and Family Finian/Valerie K. Maluwelbug and Children Jose T. /Yvette C. Iguel and Children Luisa Letalugyal and Family

She will be greatly missed by her aunts, uncles, cousins, god-children, and numerous friends.

Daily Rosary is being offered at Santa Remedios Church in Tanapag at 5:00pm.

Mass of Intentions for the repose of her soul is being offered at the following:

Sept. 16, Wednesday	5:30pm	Sta. Remedios Church
Sept. 17, Thursday	5:30pm	San Roque Church
Sept. 18, Friday	5:30pm	Sta. Remedios Church
Sept. 19, Saturday	5:30pm	Sta. Remedios Church
Sept. 20, Sunday	8:00am	Sta. Remedios Church

Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 21, 2015.
Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Santa Remedios at 11:00am followed by Interment Service at Tanapag Public Cemetery.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

The Family

Pastimes

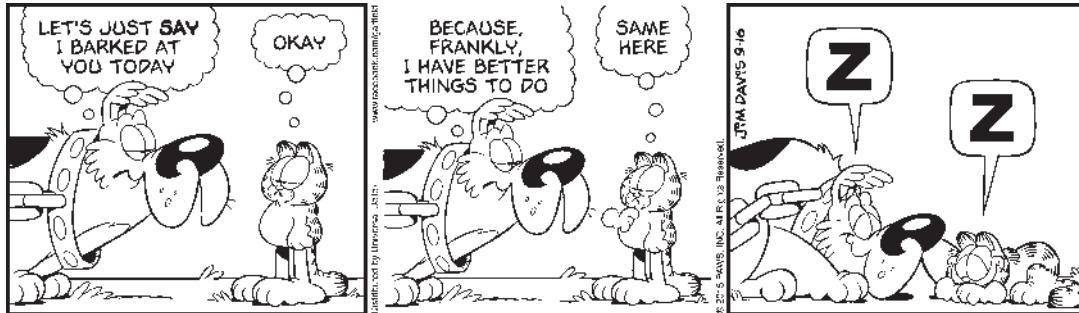
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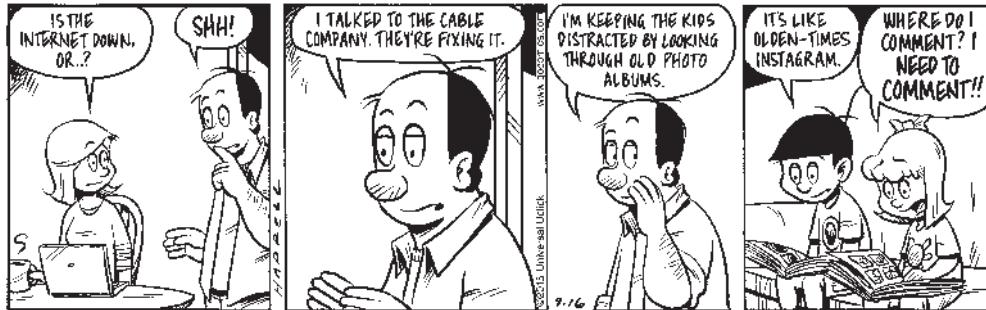
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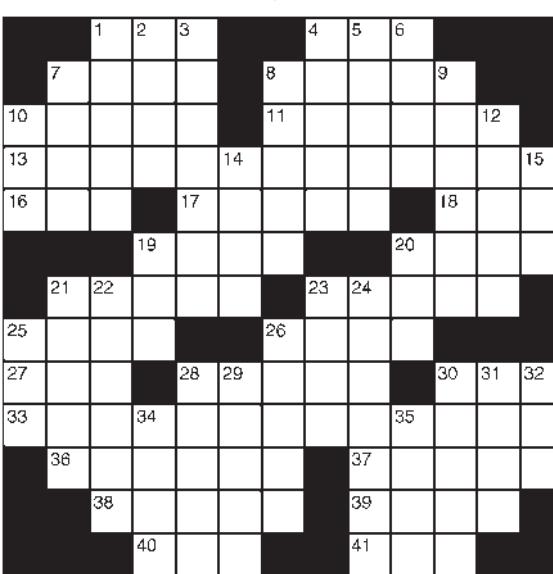


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By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's answer 9-16



For answers to today's crossword, call 1-800-226-5955! 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

STUMPED?

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Nick Jonas, 23; Alexis Bledel, 34; Amy Poehler, 44; Mickey Rourke, 63.

Happy Birthday: Pay close attention to your home and personal life. Nurture what you have worked so hard to build. Maintenance will be what keeps you on top and helps you make valuable gains throughout the year. Realism and moderation will be your best choices no matter what you pursue. Don't let others' demands make you feel guilty. Your numbers are 8, 13, 18, 27, 35, 40, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Whether you are trying to get ahead in your personal or your business pursuits, you have to voice your opinion if you want to participate and make a difference. Change is in the stars, so make physical, mental and financial upgrades. ☀️☀️

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look out for your own interests. Avoid anyone who is asking for too much or putting demands on your time and finances. Don't put yourself in a vulnerable position in order to make someone happy. ☀️☀️

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be tempted to get involved in costly or indulgent ventures. Put more into your home and the relationships with those you love. Bringing about positive change on a shoestring budget will keep you moving in a healthy direction. ☀️☀️

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Learn from past experiences and a solution to a problem you face will come to mind. Education and getting involved in cultural events

will help you realize the direction in which you wish to travel. ☀️☀️

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take time out of your busy schedule to play. Getting involved in activities with friends or family will bring you closer together. Personal improvements will help you develop a healthy outlook that could contribute to your advancement. ☀️☀️☀️

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Step back and distance yourself from situations that are confusing you. It's important to keep a level head when dealing with matters that concern partnerships, responsibilities and your home environment. Use compliments, diplomacy and charm and you'll get your way. ☀️☀️

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get involved in worthwhile events and you'll meet new people and have memorable experiences. Gains can be made, and changes in the way others treat you will take place. Be adventuresome and romantic and good things will happen. ☀️☀️

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep your thoughts to yourself. Don't gossip or meddle in other people's affairs. You'll be blamed if something goes wrong. Elaborate on a creative idea or master a skill you want to use to help reach a personal or professional goal. ☀️☀️

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your colorful, outgoing personality will help you get ahead. Don't limit what you can do or promise the impossible. Focus on the present and do what you do best, and you will keep moving forward. ☀️☀️

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Refrain from acting on hearsay. Do your own research before you decide to donate or invest. You can make cash, but only if you handle your money and finish the deal personally. Keep your professional and personal lives separate. ☀️

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Before you agree to do something, get the lowdown on what's actually expected of you. It's important not to take on responsibilities that will take away from the time you allotted to spend with those you love and care for. ☀️

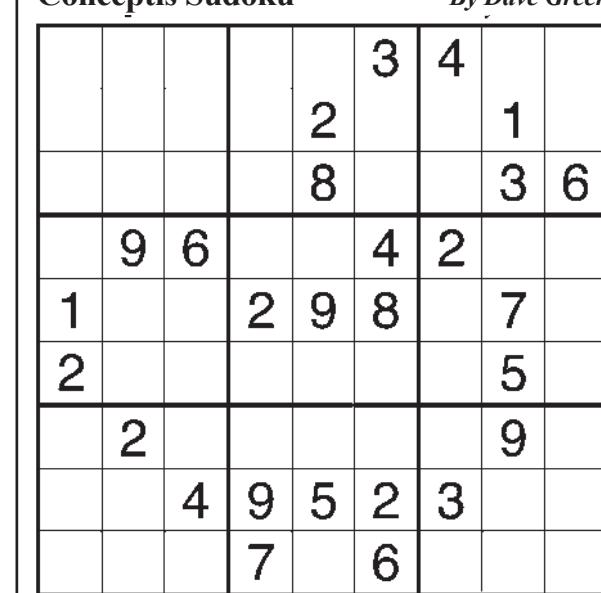
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your insight will help you figure out what someone wants from you. Ulterior motives are apparent, and your ability to discern someone else's agenda will help you both get what you want. Negotiate smartly. ☀️☀️☀️

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

8	2	9	4	3	1	5	7	6
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1	7	2	9	8	3	6	5	4

Difficulty Level ★★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID
QUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

THINGS THAT ARE EMBOSSED

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Yesterday's Answer: Unfever

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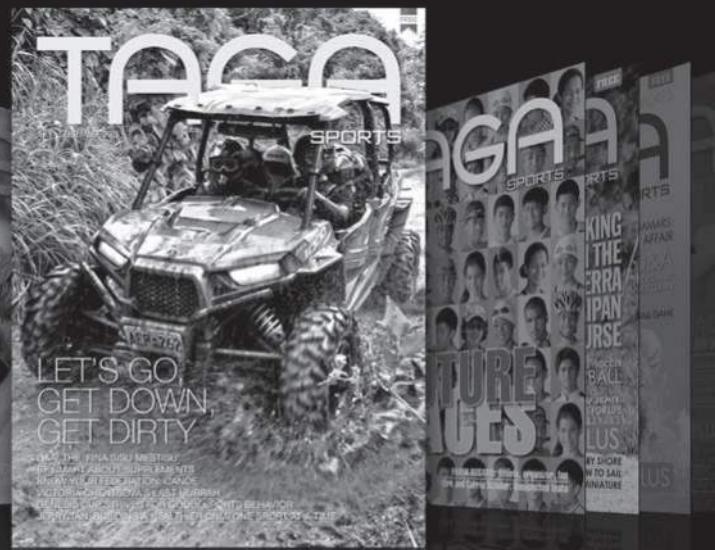
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HONEYMOON

Fielder homers, pushes Rangers past Astros, 5-3



**ARLINGTON,
Texas** (AP)—

The Rangers moved within a half-game of AL West leading Houston, when Prince Fielder hit a tie-breaking, two-run homer in the eighth inning to lead Texas to a 5-3 win over the Astros on Monday in the opener of a pivotal four-game series.

Mitch Moreland hit his team-leading 20th home run for Texas, which has won four straight against the Astros and leads the season series 9-4.

Fielder's homer came on 3-2 pitch from Will Harris (5-4). He had two hits and scored three times.

Keone Kela (7-5) got the win, retiring one of two batters, and Shawn Tolleson earned his 32nd save in 34 attempts.

The Astros' Jose Altuve hit Cole Hamels' sixth pitch of the game for his 12th homer of the year.

Mets 4, Marlins 3

In New York, David Wright had a go-ahead double in the seventh inning. Yoenis Cespedes homered again and the Mets won their eighth straight, beating the Marlins.

With two outs and runners on first and second, David Wright hit a fastball from reliever Kyle Barraclough (2-1) to the deepest part of the park, well over the head of scrambling center fielder Christian Yelich, for a ground-rule double—scoring pinch-runner Eric Young Jr. and giving the Mets a 4-3 lead.

Travis d'Arnaud also homered for New York. Cespedes connected for the ninth time in 13 games.

Hansel Robles (4-2) pitched a scoreless seventh for the win. Jeurys Familia was perfect in the ninth for his 41st save in 46 opportunities.

Logan Verrett, making a spot in start in place of Matt Harvey, who was skipped in the rotation to limit his innings, pitched one-run ball for five.

Yankees 4, Rays 1

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Alex Rodriguez had a tying, two-out RBI double in the ninth and Slade Heathcott followed with a three-run homer, leading the Yankees to a victory over the Rays.

The victory moved the Yankees within three-games of AL East-leading Toronto.

Erasmo Ramirez held the Yankees hitless until Carlos Beltran led off the eighth with a hot shot that took a short-hop off first baseman Richie Shaffer and went into right field.

Tampa Bay stopped a 21-inning scoring drought and took a 1-0 lead on Logan Forsythe's eighth-inning RBI double.

The Yankees rallied in the ninth. Down to their last out, Brett Gardner was walked by Brad Boxberger (4-10) on four pitches and stole second. Then



AP

Texas Rangers' Prince Fielder, center, is congratulated by Mitch Moreland, left, and Adrian Beltre, right, after Fielder's two-run home run that scored Beltre in the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Houston Astros Monday, Sept. 14, 2015, in Arlington, Texas.

Rodriguez tied Craig Biggio for 21st place all-time with his 3,060th hit.

Heathcott homered after Brian McCann was intentionally walked, setting off a raucous celebration in the New York dugout.

Indians 8, Royals 3

In Cleveland, Carlos Carrasco overcame a home run on his first pitch of the game to throw six strong innings, and Lonnie Chisenhall drove in three runs as the Indians beat the Royals.

Carrasco (13-10) let Alex Gordon hit his first pitch deep into the seats in right field, but that was the only run he allowed. The right-hander, who struck out nine, was making his second start since coming off the disabled list with a sore right shoulder.

Lonnie Chisenhall drove in three runs for the Indians, who entered play trailing Texas by 4 1/2 games for the AL's second wild-card spot. Cleveland, which has won 13 of 18, also got back to the .500 mark (71-71).

Edinson Volquez (13-8) allowed four runs in five innings for Kansas City, which has lost eight of 10, while Gordon was 4 for 5.

Dodgers 4, Rockies 1

In Los Angeles, Clayton Kershaw won his ninth straight decision, Justin Turner hit a tiebreaking double and rookie Scott Schebler homered to lead the Dodgers to a victory over the Rockies.

The Dodgers, kicking off a 10-game homestand following a 7-3 road trip, won for the 16th time in 20 games. They and reduced their magic number to 12 for clinching their second straight NL West title.

The Yankees rallied in the ninth. Down to their last out, Brett Gardner was walked by Brad Boxberger (4-10) on four pitches and stole second. Then

Kershaw (14-6) yielded a run and three hits over seven innings and struck out five, raising his major league-leading strikeout total to a career-high 264 and lowering his ERA to 2.12. The reigning NL MVP and three-time Cy Young Award winner hasn't lost since June 27 at Miami.

Kershaw is 9-0 with a 2.48 ERA in his last 10 starts against the Rockies, including a no-hitter. His last loss to them was on July 12, 2013.

Padres 10, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Wil Myers hit a leadoff homer and had four RBIs, and James Shields pitched seven strong innings as the Padres jumped on the Diamondbacks early.

Myers hit his second career leadoff homer in San Diego's five-run first inning off Jeremy Hellickson (9-9) and had a two-run double in the fifth, another five-run inning.

Cody Spangenberg had three RBIs and the Padres had 11 hits after scoring four combined runs in a three-game sweep by San Francisco.

Shields (12-6) allowed a run on four hits and pitched through an indoor downpour in the stands behind home plate after the Chase Field roof leaked in the first inning.

Arizona's Paul Goldschmidt had a run-scoring double in the first inning, joining Luis Gonzalez (2011-12) as the only players in team history with multiple 100-RBI seasons. Goldschmidt had 125 in 2013.

White Sox 8, Athletics 7, 14 innings

In Chicago, Melky Cabrera drove in Geovany Soto with

two outs in the 14th inning to give the Chicago White Sox a win over the Athletics.

Cabrera singled off Arnold Leon (0-2) to end the season's longest game for both teams. Dan Jennings (2-3) pitched two scoreless innings in relief for Chicago, which squandered a 7-3 lead in the ninth.

Jose Abreu and Trayce Thompson hit two-run homers off Sonny Gray in the third.

John Danks went seven innings and allowed three runs and three hits. In his first start since throwing a complete game Sept. 4 at Kansas City, Danks only surrendered solo homers to Jake Smolinski in the third, Brett Lawrie in the fourth and Josh Reddick in the seventh.

Orioles 2, Red Sox 0

In Baltimore, Kevin Gausman pitched six innings of two-hit ball to earn his first victory in six weeks and Adam Jones had two RBIs as the Orioles beat the Red Sox for their fifth win in six games.

Caleb Joseph had three hits for the Orioles, who moved two games ahead of the last-place Red Sox in the AL East. Baltimore trails four teams in the hunt for the second AL wild-card spot.

Gausman (3-6) struck out seven, walked four and allowed only one runner past second base. The right-hander was 0-4 in his previous seven starts.

Brad Brach worked the seventh inning, Darren O'Day and Brian Matusz shared the eighth and Zach Britton got three straight outs to complete the three-hitter and earn his 33rd save.

Eduardo Rodriguez (9-6) gave up one run and five hits in 5 1-3 innings for Boston.

Twins 7, Tigers 1

In Minneapolis, Eduardo Escobar homered and drove in two runs and Tyler Duffey struck out seven while pitching into the seventh inning to lead the Twins to a victory over the Tigers.

Duffey (3-1) gave up one run on seven hits and walked two in 6 1-3 innings, and Joe Mauer went 3 for 5, extending his streak of games reaching

base to 34 for the Twins, who entered the night trailing the Texas Rangers by one game for the American League's second wild card.

Kyle Lobstein (3-8) gave up six runs on seven hits in just 1 2-3 innings for the Tigers. J.D. Martinez had two hits for Detroit, but Steven Moya had four of the team's 11 strikeouts.

Nationals 8, Phillies 7, 11 innings

In Philadelphia, Jayson Werth hit two homers and drove in five runs, and Yunel Escobar had the game-winning RBI in the 11th inning to lift the Nationals to a victory over the Phillies.

Pinch-hitter Danny Espinoza led off the 11th with a walk, moved to second on Cameron Rupp's passed ball and went to third on Anthony Rendon's single. Espinoza then scored on Escobar's high chopper to second base off Luis Garcia (3-5).

The groundout made a winner of Jonathan Papelbon (4-2), who blew his first save of the season by allowing Freddy Galvis' solo homer in the 10th.

Rendon homered and had four hits and Bryce Harper also homered for the Nationals, who remained 9 1/2 games behind the first-place Mets in the NL East. It was Washington's sec-

ond straight win after snapping a five-game losing streak on Sunday.

Ryan Howard and Cody Asche also homered for Philadelphia.

Mariners 10, Angels 1

In Seattle, Seth Smith homered and Taijuan Walker pitched seven dominant innings to pace the Mariners to a victory over the Angels, dropping Los Angeles four games back in the AL wild card race.

Los Angeles is four games behind New York and Texas, and three games behind Minnesota. The Yankees, Rangers and Twins all won Monday night.

Cleveland also won to move within a half-game of the Angels.

Smith's two-run homer keyed a three-run second as the Mariners erased a 1-0 deficit. Seattle broke it open with six runs in the seventh to make it 10-1.

Walker (11-8) allowed one run on four hits, striking out seven with no walks. Garrett Richards (13-11) gave up four runs on five hits in six innings.

Giants 5, Reds 3

In San Francisco, Matt Duffy doubled twice and drove in two runs as the Giants beat the Reds.

Brandon Belt tripled and drove in two runs and Marlon Byrd added an RBI double to help San Francisco win its fourth straight at AT&T Park.

The defending World Series champs remained 7 1/2 games behind the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL West with 18 games remaining—including four against the Dodgers.

George Kontos (3-2) retired four batters for the win after Tim Hudson failed in his bid for the 222nd victory of his career.

Jones leads Falcons past Eagles 26-24 in Quinn's debut



ATLANTA
(AP)—In his first game with that big contract, Julio Jones was worth every penny.

Jones hauled in nine passes for 141 yards, including a pair of touchdowns, and the Atlanta Falcons came back after squandering a 17-point halftime lead to beat the Philadelphia Eagles 26-24 Monday night in the coaching debut of Dan Quinn.

"Julio is an awesome player," said Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan, who overcame a pair of costly interceptions. "He's as good as it gets, and we're lucky to have him."

Coming off the best season of his career, Jones was rewarded with a new \$71.25 million contract. Early on, he dominated the Eagles' revamped secondary as Atlanta raced to a 20-3 halftime lead.

Philadelphia rallied behind new quarterback Sam Bradford, taking the lead for the first time at 24-23 on Ryan Mathews' 1-yard run with 8:37 remaining.

Back came the Falcons, driving into position for Matt Bryant's fourth field goal of the game, a 47-yarder with 6:27 to go that turned out to be



the winner.

Cody Parkey was wide right on a 44-yard field goal that could have restored Philadelphia's lead. The Eagles had one more chance, but cornerback-turned-safety Ricardo Allen intercepted a pass that went through the hands of Jordan Matthews, sealing the victory with 1:11 left.

"They didn't want to throw it at my corners so they threw it in the middle of the field," Allen

said. "They tipped the ball and it landed in my lap."

Bradford, in his first regular-season game in nearly two years after being acquired in a trade with St. Louis, was 36 of 52 for 336 yards. But Philadelphia's much-hyped running game, led by newcomer DeMarco Murray, was largely a bust.

After leading the NFL with 1,845 yards rushing in Dallas last season, Murray was held to 9 yards on eight car-

ries. Ryan Mathews had only 4 yards, while Darren Sproles led the way with 50 yards on the ground.

Coach Chip Kelly's up-tempo offense looked unstoppable in the preseason but bogged down in the first half against the fired-up Falcons, who hope the energetic Quinn can turn things around from a 10-22 showing the last two seasons

Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Julio Jones (11) makes a touchdown catch against Philadelphia Eagles defensive back Byron Maxwell (31) during the first half of an NFL football game, Monday, Sept. 14, 2015, in Atlanta.

under Mike Smith.

"You just trust the preparation, let it rip and have fun," Quinn said. "That's what we did."

49ers 20, Vikings 3

In Santa Clara, Calif., the San Francisco 49ers have a new featured running back with Frank Gore long gone.

Carlos Hyde wanted to outplay the better-known No. 28 on the field, Adrian Peterson. He did that and more, and Jim Tomsula's San Francisco 49ers produced a victory in his debut as head coach minus the interim status he had for the final game of 2010.

Hyde carried the offense with 168 yards on the ground and touchdown runs of 17 and 10 yards in his first career start, spinning away from a defender and diving into the end zone untouched on a rare nice play in a

first half full of ugly ones to lead the Niners past the Minnesota Vikings 20-3 on Monday night.

Peterson ran 10 times for 31 yards playing his first game in more than a year following paid leave and then a suspension last year in the fallout from a child-abuse case against him in Texas.

Hyde had him on the mind.

"That was also in the back of my head, to outdo a guy who's been leading the NFL in rushing. That's tremendous to outdo a guy like that, Adrian Peterson, a great running back," Hyde said. "I used to watch his highlights. To be able to outrush him, that's great."

The new starter in place of departed franchise rushing leader Gore, Hyde's yards were the most by a 49ers running back since Gore's 207 in Week 2 of 2009 against Seattle.

"We want to run the football," Tomsula said. "Carlos did an awesome job running the football."

Colin Kaepernick threw for 165 yards and second-year back Hyde ran 26 times to easily best his top rookie performance of 55 yards in his final game last year.

MGA August Ace this Saturday

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The Marianas Golf Association will hold its August Ace of the Month on Saturday, Sept. 19, with tee time set at 10am at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

MGA president J.J. Atalig is encouraging all of their members and at the same time reminding all Ace of the Month winners to come and participate in their monthly event.

"For those who have won ace of the month between January and July to meet their required games to qualify for Ace of Aces at the end of the year," said Atalig, who added that showtime is at 9am.

Harry Nakamura (January),

Calvin Yamagishi (February), Jess Seman (March), Martin Naputi (April), Jenny Hegland, (May), Chandler DeLoatch, (June), and Jay Muna (July) are the Ace of the Month winners.

MGA secretary Geri Dela Cruz added that they were not in control of things that happened after Typhoon Soudelor forced all golf courses on the island to halt their operations.

"We're one month behind because of the typhoon but we feel we can squeeze it [September Ace of the Month] sometime in October," Dela Cruz said.

Both Atalig and Dela Cruz said membership is still open and is encouraging members of the community to join.

MGA was established three years ago and now has 30 active

members made up of young and senior, rookies and veterans, and men and women CNMI residents who enjoy playing golf.

The group, recently, also made a donation of \$500 to join other local organizations in a fundraising drive for school supplies by public elementary school students.

Joey Dela Cruz (vice president), James Benavente (treasurer), Chandler DeLoatch (tournament director), and Jerry Ayuyu (handicap chairman) join Atalig and Geri Dela Cruz as officers of MGA.

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Leste vs. Philippines) while the rest of us went back to the hotel to freshen up and have dinner. Later that night we found out Timor-Leste beat the Philippines, 9-0. When we played Timor-Leste during our first game, the score was 8-0. Our players are now preparing for the last two games. Wish us all the best," Abragan added.

Meanwhile, the CNMI U14 National Team that completed its stint in the AFC U14 Regional Festival of Football 2015 in Beijing, China, returned to Saipan yesterday. Ten members of the squad and some team officials were supposed to arrive Monday night, but their United Airlines flight was cancelled due to aircraft maintenance, according to Northern Mariana Islands Football Association general secretary Ross Zapanta.

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to fill up the container. It was an amazing experience. It was shipped and arrived in the third week of August."

The items that Camacho collected were bottled water, tarps, buckets, empty pails, canned foods and other non-perishable goods, baby diapers and other baby care products, and gas stoves.

United 4 Saipan and the Marianas Young Professionals helped Camacho in distributing the items to families who are most in need of aid. "[They] played a huge role with the distribution of the goods and assisting with the logistics of the containers' arrival on Saipan."

Camacho added that United 4 Saipan also has a detailed map of the people and families that are in need, and specifically what are the things that they are

now lacking.

"It was amazing to see such a detailed map and file collection of contact information of these people and families. Jenny [Hegland] and the United 4 Saipan group have done a phenomenal job."

He and his friend, Pat Alepuyo, dropped goods to the numerous families and individuals in the villages of Chalan Kiya, Navy Hill, Capitol Hill, and Kagman.

He added that he was really impressed on what United 4 Saipan has done in helping the people in need. "United 4 Saipan has a great systematic process of handling people in need during this time. They gave me a list of families and people that were in need. All I had to do was drive to their location and drop off the goods."

Since the container's arrival, families were helped on a daily basis, which Camacho said was

an experience of a lifetime.

"I personally was able to assist a hand full of families in my past trip to Saipan. The amount of strong willed people and families I got to meet was such a blessing."

Cars Plus Guam, Guam Home Center (donated \$8,000 worth of goods), Marianas Young Professionals, MSA, Saipan Shipping, Sons of Saipan, Pikas Café, Grass Roots Project, Fokai Industries, Marianas Open, Customs Fitness Gof Metgot, ITMC Guam motorcycle group, Guam Hawgs motorcycle group, Trix Seven One, West Care, St. Thomas Aquinas Mock Trial Team, Naval Hospital Galley Crew, and the Office of Guam Sen. Michael San Nicolas helped Camacho in his relief drive.

"And there are so much more and others to mention. So much people came out to help with their donations. A huge thank you to all," Camacho ended.

comeback bids in the second half, while Mateo's solid contribution in the first allowed the squad to build enough cushion. Mateo had a baker's dozen in the opening 20 minutes of play and added 3 in the second half.

James Sablan contributed 3, while Ferdie Tobias and Joseph Galulu combined for the 3 more markers of Oh My J, which sealed the win from the foul line, scoring the last 6 markers from the free throw area.

Purple Rain managed to slice Oh My J's big lead to single digit in the second half behind the efforts of Bruce Berline, Paul Bautista, and R.J. Reyes. Reyes dropped 10 points in the second frame to finish with a game-

Oh My J 58 – Guiab 17, Mateo 16, Galulu 7, Asuhan 4, Sanciangco 4, Enriquez 4, Sablan 3, Tobias 2.

Purple Rain 55 – Reyes 18, Bautista 12, Berline 11, Deleon Guerrero 5, Isip 4, Leomo 4.

Scoring by halves: 34-17, 58-55.

high 18, while Berline made all his 11 markers in the final 20 minutes of the match. Bautista contributed 7 in Purple Rain's losing comeback bid.

Meanwhile, action in the inaugural league resumes tonight with Kidlat taking on Red Rice. The opposing teams hold similar 1-3 records and are at the bottom half of the team standings.

Nor Mairul and midfielder Arif Shaqirin hit the board for Malaysia in the 22nd and 36th minute, while another midfielder, Muhammad Iqbal Hakem, fired back-to-back in the 41st and 44th to give Malaysia a good lead. Hakem added one more goal in the 56th minute before riding the bench in the 70th, while forward Muhammad Alif Safwan contributed two straight goals (58th and 61st), and Shaqirin tallied the other goal in the opening minute of the second half.

Despite losing to the strong Malaysian crew, CNMI officials were still happy with the CNMI players' game and are now focusing on the squad's two remaining matches—against host

Laos today and versus the Philippines this Sunday.

"Our players gave their 100 percent best and we are proud of our boys," said Eric Abragan, who now manages the U16 team after fellow team manager Derek Chambers left Laos for Saipan yesterday morning.

Goalie Christopher Aninzo started out for the CNMI anew in their game against Malaysia and was joined on the pitch by Euly Ermitano, Joshua Abragan, Alan Hinson, Mareko Tekopua, Alex Park, Louie Calayad, Emmanuel Aniana, Edwin Kim, and Chad Shankweiler. Clayton Izuka relieved Aninzo in the 60th minute, while Thaiph Austria and Sunjoon Tenorio also got a chance to play in the second half.

"After our game, our coaches watched the next match (Timor



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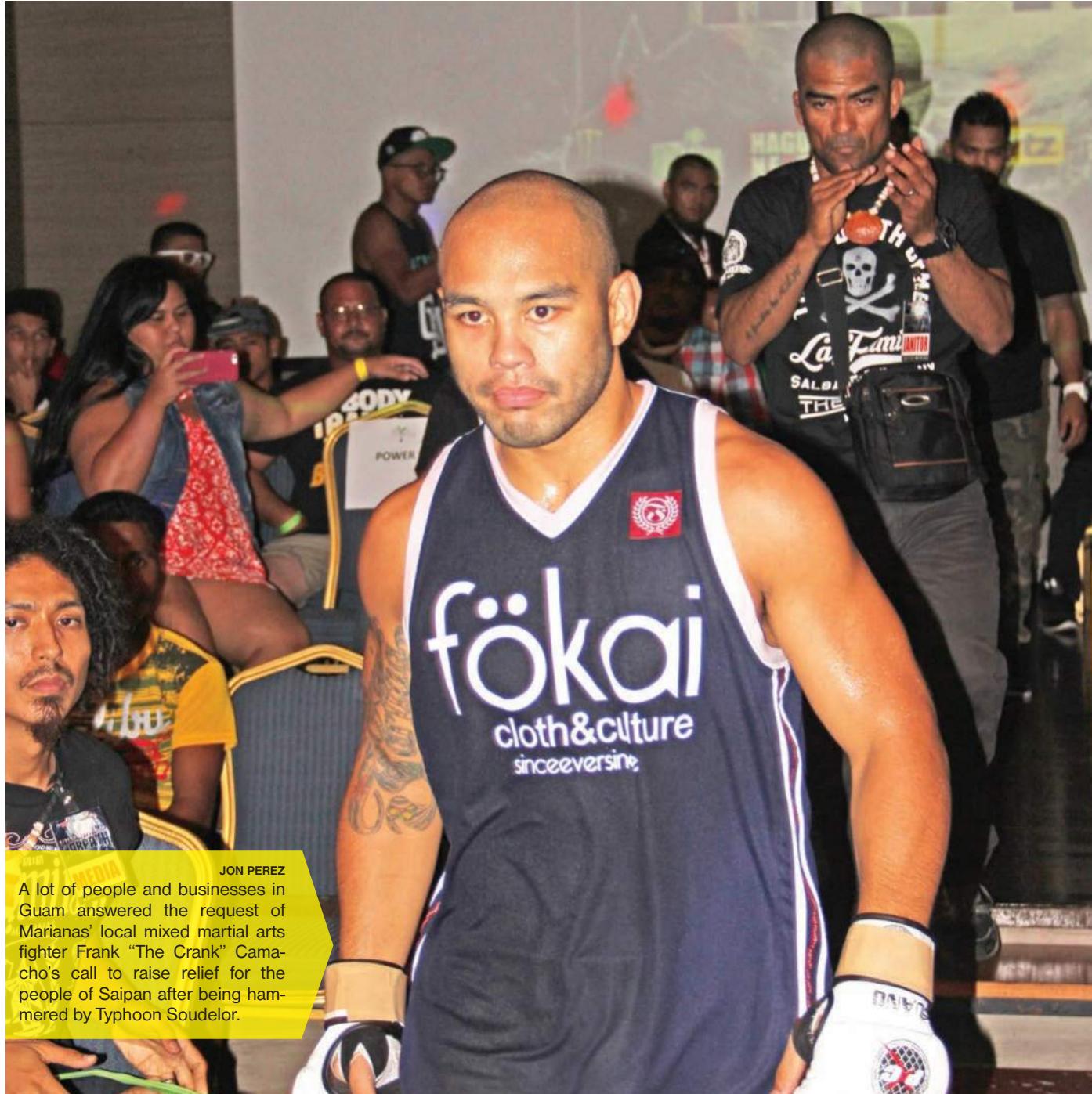
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'The Crank': Guam not done in aiding Saipan



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A lot of people and businesses in Guam answered the request of Marianas' local mixed martial arts fighter Frank "The Crank" Camacho's call to raise relief for the people of Saipan after being hammered by Typhoon Soudelor.

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho assured Saipan that Guam would support their northern neighbor every step of the way in rebuilding its community after being battered by Typhoon Soudelor.

Camacho, who was born in Guam but grew up on Saipan and a local mixed martial arts celebrity in the Marianas, spearheaded a fund and relief drive on Guam to raise aid for Saipan residents.

He said that, although it was his first time organizing a relief drive, it was one of the most rewarding experiences he has ever done.

"I want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart with all the help and assistance these past few weeks with our sister island of Saipan. Prayers to all who are still recovering

and struggling in this tough time," said Camacho in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

"We are not done yet. We have more fundraising events here on Guam with lots of people and businesses willing to help with the Saipan Relief Effort," he added.

Camacho, in less than a week's time, managed to fill a 40-foot container with various essentials by people who lost everything when Soudelor passed by Saipan on Aug. 2.

"It took me less than a week

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Oh My J bags third straight win

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Oh My J kept its winning run in the 2015 Blue Haus IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League after outclassing Purple Rain, 58-55, last Sunday at the Navy Hill court.

Oh My J survived Purple Rain's fight-back in the second half of the resumption of their Sept. 5 suspended match

to notch its third win in a row after four games. Purple Rain had its short two-game streak snapped and it fell to an even 2-2 record.

With its third victory, Oh My J forced a four-way tie for the lead at the halfway mark of the single-round robin elimination. Oh My J matched the league-leading record of Makalaro Lang, Hard Kulangot, and Wag Kang Pabebe. Makalaro Lang was scheduled to play Eh

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Oh My J's Mark Asuhan picks up the loose ball, while Purple Rain's R.J. Reyes stays close to him during their game in the Blue Haus IT&E caging at the Navy Hill court.

CNMI bows to Malaysia, preps for last 2 games

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The Future is Asia

The CNMI U16 National Team fell to Malaysia, 0-13, to remain winless in the AFC U16 Championship India 2016 Qualifier.

The Commonwealth players allowed Malaysia to score early and the latter never looked back to cruise to victory last Monday night at the National Sports Complex Stadium in Vientiane, Laos.

Midfielder Muhammad Izreen drew first blood for the Malaysians, as he scored in the sixth minute. He knocked in three more, finding the back of the net in the 32nd, 54th, and 67th to power his team to the lopsided win.

Malaysia set up the easy win as it already led by six at halftime. Forward

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The CNMI U16 National Team's starting 11 pose for a group photo before playing against Malaysia in the AFC U16 Championship India 2016 Qualifier last Monday night at the National Sports Complex Stadium in Vientiane, Laos.

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